

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S405–S432

Measures Introduced: Thirty-five bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 426–460, and S. Res. 65–70. **Pages S425–26**

Measures Passed:

Chinese Surveillance Balloon: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 49, expressing the sense of the Senate that the Chinese Communist Party's espionage mission to send a surveillance balloon across the United States, in violation of international law, is unacceptable and should be condemned, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S431**

Chinese Surveillance Balloon: Senate agreed to S. Res. 66, condemning the use by the People's Republic of China of a high-altitude surveillance balloon over the territory of the United States as a brazen violation of United States sovereignty. **Page S431**

Career and Technical Education Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 67, supporting the goals and ideals of "Career and Technical Education Month". **Pages S431–32**

National Entrepreneurship Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 68, designating the week of February 11 through February 18, 2023, as "National Entrepreneurship Week" to recognize the importance and contributions of entrepreneurs and startups to the economic prosperity of the United States and the well-being of every community across the United States. **Pages S431–32**

National FFA Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 69, expressing support for the designation of February 18 through February 25, 2023, as "National FFA Week", recognizing the important role of the National FFA Organization in developing the next generation of globally conscious leaders who will change the world and in celebration of the 95th anniversary of the National FFA Organization. **Pages S431–32**

George Washington Carver Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 70, expressing support for the designation

of February 1, 2023, as "George Washington Carver Day". **Pages S431–32**

Omnibus Funding: Senate agreed to S. Res. 59, authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2023, through September 30, 2023, October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024, and October 1, 2024, through February 28, 2025. **Page S432**

Calabretta Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Daniel J. Calabretta, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California. **Page S412**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 19), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S412**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding Rule XXII, the vote on confirmation of the nomination of Daniel J. Calabretta occur at 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, February 16, 2023; that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Lester Martinez-Lopez, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, the vote on confirmation of the nomination occur following disposition of the nomination of Daniel J. Calabretta; and that the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Maria Araujo Kahn, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit be at 1:45 p.m., on Thursday, February 16, 2023. **Page S412**

Martinez-Lopez Nomination—Cloture: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Lester Martinez-Lopez, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense. **Page S419**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 64 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. EX. 21), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S419**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, February 16, 2023. **Page S432**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 17), Adrienne C. Nelson, of Oregon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon. **Page S408**

By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 20), Ana C. Reyes, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia. **Pages S418–19**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 18), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S409**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Page S423**

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—21) **Pages S408-09, S412, S418–19**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:19 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 16, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S432.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments for the 118th Congress:

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies: Senators Heinrich (Chair), Feinstein, Tester, Merkley, Baldwin, Manchin, Peters, Hoeven, McConnell, Collins, Moran, Hyde-Smith, and Fischer.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies: Senators Shaheen (Chair), Feinstein, Reed, Coons, Schatz, Manchin, Van Hollen, Merkley, Peters, Moran, Murkowski, Collins, Capito, Kennedy, Hagerty, Britt, and Fischer.

Subcommittee on Department of Defense: Senators Tester (Chair), Durbin, Feinstein, Murray, Reed, Schatz, Baldwin, Shaheen, Murphy, Collins, McConnell, Murkowski, Graham, Moran, Hoeven, Boozman, and Capito.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development: Senators Feinstein (Chair), Murray, Tester, Durbin, Shaheen, Merkley, Coons, Baldwin, Heinrich, Kennedy, McConnell, Murkowski, Graham, Hoeven, Hyde-Smith, Hagerty, and Britt.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government: Senators Van Hollen (Chair), Durbin, Coons, Manchin, Heinrich, Hagerty, Boozman, Kennedy, and Rubio.

Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security: Senators Murphy (Chair), Murray, Tester, Shaheen, Baldwin, Peters, Britt, Murkowski, Capito, Kennedy, and Hyde-Smith.

Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies: Senators Merkley (Chair), Feinstein, Reed, Tester, Van Hollen, Heinrich, Peters, Murkowski, McConnell, Capito, Hoeven, Fischer, and Britt.

Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies: Senators Baldwin (Chair), Murray, Durbin, Reed, Shaheen, Merkley, Schatz, Murphy, Manchin, Capito, Graham, Moran, Kennedy, Hyde-Smith, Boozman, Britt, and Rubio.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch: Senators Reed (Chair), Murphy, Van Hollen, Fischer, and Rubio.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies: Senators Murray (Chair), Reed, Tester, Schatz, Baldwin, Heinrich, Coons, Manchin, Peters, Boozman, McConnell, Murkowski, Hoeven, Collins, Rubio, Hagerty, and Fischer.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs: Senators Coons (Chair), Durbin, Shaheen, Merkley, Murphy, Van Hollen, Schatz, Graham, McConnell, Boozman, Moran, Rubio, and Hagerty.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies: Senators Schatz (Chair), Murray, Durbin, Feinstein, Reed, Coons, Murphy, Manchin, Van Hollen, Hyde-Smith, Collins, Boozman, Capito, Graham, Hoeven, Kennedy, and Moran.

Senators Murray and Collins are ex officio members of each subcommittee.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 1,790 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

GLOBAL SECURITY CHALLENGES

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine global security challenges and strategy, after receiving testimony from Bonny Lin, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Fiona Hill, Brookings Institution, and Roger Zakheim, Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute, all of Washington, D.C.